a Judgment on 21.3.2002 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1022 of 1989 - All India Judges Association & Ors. *Vs.* Union of India & Ors with regard to implementation of the recommendations of the First National Judicial Pay Commission (FNJPC) (Shetty Commission). The Court had further directed that the higher pay-scales to the officers of the subordinate judiciary be given effect to on or before 1st April, 2003.

Under article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the members of subordinate Judicial Service vests with the concerned High Court. Further, in exercise of powers conferred under proviso to article 309 read with articles 233 and 234 of the Constitution, the State Government frames rules and regulations in consultation with the High Court. The members of the State Judicial Service are governed by these rules and regulations. Therefore, the service conditions, including pay and allowances, of judicial officers of the District/Subordinate Courts are governed by the respective State Governments. Accordingly, the respective State Governments are responsible for implementation of the Supreme Court's directions.

Central Government has implemented recommendations of the FNJPC in respect of revision of pay-scales and other allowances of the Judicial Officers of Union Territories for whom it is responsible. Recommendations of the FNJPC in respect of retirement benefits except Domestic Help and commutation of pension to the extent of 50% have also been implemented in respect of Judicial officers of Union Territories.

An application for modification of the order of the Hon'ble Court as regards increase in judge strength, Assured Career Progression scheme, Communication of Pension upto 50%, Domestic Help Allowance to retired judicial officers, sumptuary allowance, medical facilities and the date from which the allowances will be applicable, was filed by the Central Government on 12.7.2002. No further direction has been given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the said application. The matter is sub judice.

Review of outdated laws

2099. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Indian Penal Code and other outdated laws considering that many laws have no relevance in the present context;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lok Adalats

†2100. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Lok Adalats were held by the Hon'ble High Courts during the last three years, date-wise;

(b) the number of cases taken up for disposal and the number of cases disposed of;

(c) whether the High Courts are making permanent arrangements to hold such Lok Adalats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The information with respect to the places/number of Lok Adalats of the High Courts held and cases disposed off, etc. received from 28 State Legal Services Authorities/High Court Legal Services Committees, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, U.T. of Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry is contained in the statement annexed to this reply.

[*See Appendix* 204 *Annexure No.* 20]

Information is being collected from the remaining 7 State Legal Services Authorities/High Court Legal Services Committees, namely, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Daman & Diu and the same will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.